MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 20

- Weekday
 - 6:30 Frank dela Houssaye Agnew †
 - 9:00 Albina Skendi †
 - 7:30 Donald Steiner

Tuesday, June 21

- *St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious* 6:30 Jeffrey Bardsley †
 - 9:00 Joseph & Madeline Giordano †

Wednesday, June 22

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs 6:30 Mary Jo Graham †

9:00 Ernest & Eleonora Denz †

Thursday, June 23

- Weekday
 - 6:30 Serena Carroll † 9:00 George & Lillian Mehan, J
 - 9:00 George & Lillian Mehan, Jr. †

Friday, June 24

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

6:30 David Guin †9:00 Dennis Mulhaupt

Saturday, June 25

Weekday

- 8:15 Emmett O'Brien †
- 5:00 Raymond Ryabik †

Sunday, June 19

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 Helen Ranage
- 9:00 Rosa Avelino Esteves †
- 10:30 People of the Parish
- 12:00 Stephen Bailey †

THE SCHOOL MASSES HAVE ENED FOR THE YEAR AND WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS JUNE 2016

Human Solidarity: That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find–even within the huge cities of the world–opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Seminarians and Novices: That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

IN TESTIMONIUM...

Offerte vobis pacem. "Let us offer each other the sign of peace."

Before we talk about what we do after those words are said at Mass, let's look at what precedes those words.

"The peace of the Lord be with you always." *Pax Domini sit simper vobiscum.*

Even more, before that, the priest says "Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, 'Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you.' Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever."

This past Sunday you might have heard me observe that this gesture is not an expression of personal affection but a solemn profession that "I have received peace from the Lamb of God. He died for my sins. His blood has atoned for my transgression. I have reconciled with Him. The peace that I enjoy with Him... His peace which I have received through the mediation of the Church, I offer to you."

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) comments on the sign of peace in Sermon 227:

Then, after the consecration of the Holy Sacrifice of God, because He wished us also to be His sacrifice, a fact which was made clear when the Holy Sacrifice was first instituted, and because that Sacrifice is a sign of what we are, behold, when the Sacrifice is finished, we say the Lord's Prayer which you have received and recited. After this, the 'Peace be with you' is said, and the Christians embrace one another with the holy kiss. This is a sign of peace; as the lips indicate, let peace be made in your conscience, that is, when your lips draw near to those of your brother, do not let your heart withdraw from his. Hence, these are great and powerful sacraments.

St. Peter and St. Paul so often conclude their epistles with the request, "Greet one another with a holy kiss" (Rom 16,16; 1Cor 16,20' 2Cor 13,12; 1Thes 5,26; 1Pet 5,14)

Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen!

Rev. Christopher J. Pollard

FROM THE DESK OF THE SEMINARIAN ...

"My greatest fear is that I will enjoy so much the affection of others that I will fail to speak to them the difficult truth."

I had just asked my good friend, a brother seminarian at the midpoint of his seminary formation, to identify what he most feared at the thought of becoming a priest in several years. His response was unique among seminarians: many are prone to doubt their ability to live celibacy or perhaps obedience, but a concern for teaching the truth is rarely at the forefront of our minds. A father, however, has a fearful and oft-overlooked responsibility both to his children and to the truth.

Certainly our failure to reverence truth is indicative of the pervasive influence of relativism and a false tolerance in our society today. More subtle, however, is the pressure experienced on account of a father's (good!) desire to be loved by his children. On the one hand, there is the father in whose heart this desire reigns too prominently. He stands at risk of making concessions to his children's often poorly informed and immature requests of him, requests which in fact are not ordered to the truth of what is good for them, rather than lose their immediate affection. On the other hand, there is the father who exercises his responsibility with a cold disregard for his children's response. Between these extremes, both easy for the well-intentioned father to fall into, is the virtuous mean: the father who knows that truth and charity are not opposed and who is willing to sacrifice immediate affection in the hope of being loved, one day, in truth.

We see this virtuous fatherhood when a father (or mother, for that matter) enforces a limit on candyconsumption, sends his young children to bed at their bedtime, monitors the modesty of his children's clothing or the friends they surround themselves with. As children, we complain that Dad is being unreasonable and "mean"; as fathers, we rest exhaustedly but with determination against the pillar of truth and goodness which we are slowly erecting in the lives of our children.

As we celebrate Father's Day, it is right that we thank God for our natural fathers, who guide us in the truth as best they know how; we pray that our fathers are renewed in their strength to bear witness to the truth in our society and in our families. Let us also thank God for priests, our spiritual fathers, tasked with proclaiming the Truth and thereby guiding us to our good and final home in Heaven; we pray in a particular way for our own parish priests and for the two men ordained last Saturday. And we thank God—our Father—who sent His only Son, that "whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Pax et Bonum,

Nicholas Blank, Seminarian

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA STARTS THIS SUNDAY

Our Annual Father's Day Novena of Masses begins this Sunday, June 19th. Please turn in your Father's Day Novena envelopes with the names of the special men in your lives you wish to include in this Novena. If you give to the parish electronically, and therefore do not have envelopes, please put the names on a piece of paper in a plain envelope with "Father's Day Novena" written on it.

TODAY IS SHARE SUNDAY

A vehicle is available after all Sunday Masses to receive your donated goods. Cash or checks payable to St. John with Share in the memo line are greatly appreciated for emergency assistance with rent, utility and medical bills.

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES IS HERE ON THURSDAYS

Gracie Ortiz, Director of Senior Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is available to meet with parishioners all day on Thursdays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Conference Room in Parish Office. If you would like to schedule an appointment you may reach Gracie Ortiz at 571-970-8734 or at: gortiz@ccda.net.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS TIMES ON WEDNESDAYS DURING THE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has designated this Liturgical year as "*The Year of Mercy*". To perpetuate receiving the mercy of Christ the priests of St. John the Beloved will be hearing extra confessions on Wednesdays. At the top of the hour every hour between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. a priest will be in the confessional and stay as long as there are penitents.

COFFEE & DONUTS

After the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses St. John's Knights of Columbus will host Coffee & Donuts. Thanks to the members of the St. John's Mothers Group for hosting last Sunday. There will be no Coffee & Donuts next Sunday.

CHRIST HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Christ House in Alexandria is a vital cornerstone of Catholic Charities, providing food to the hungry, shelter to the homeless, and clothing to those in need. St John the Beloved has been part of this ministry since its inception in 1973. St John parishioners join other civic and social groups to prepare and serve a nourishing meal to about 65 men and women on the second Friday evening of every month. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, contact Michele Mrozek at <u>mmrozek@ggic.com</u> or Danielle Aguilar at danielle@bixler.com.

Summer Inquiry Class into the Catholic Faith

Have you ever wondered why Catholics believe what they believe? Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Has it been a long time since you read a book about Christianity?

Join Seminarian Nicholas Blank in reading



F.J. Sheed

Theology for Beginners by: Frank Sheed

Sunday afternoons 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. June 26, July 3, & July 10 in the Adult Education Room

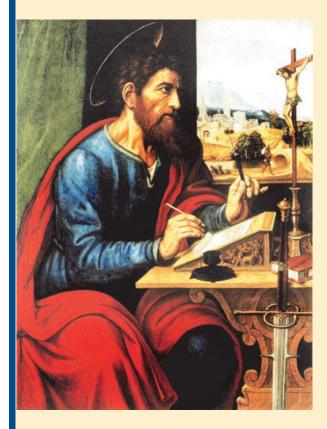
For more information and to register, please contact Laura Pennefather Director of Religious Education <u>lpennefather@stjohncatholicmclean.org</u> or Tel. 703-356-5275

Copies of the book are on sale in "The Word" bookstore and at class.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25
	7:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm Legion 8:30pm Futsol	8:00pm Hoops	ADORATION 9:30am-7:30pm			8:45am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY ON THE EPISTLES OF ST. PAUL

Today, St. Paul's epistles continue to be vital roots of the theology, worship, and pastoral life in the Christian traditions. St. Paul's influence on Christian thought and practice has been characterized as being as "profound as it is pervasive."



Monday through Friday June 27 - July 1

Fr. Sina and Fr. Pollard will be teaching a Summer Bible Study on the Epistles of St. Paul.

The accompanying reading text will be:

Saint Paul by: Pope Benedict XVI

Each day that week the same class will be offered

both in the morning, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and in the evening, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Parishioners of all ages are welcome to attend. The class will meet in the Adult Ed Room.

Please bring your own Bible. Reading St. Paul's epistles ahead of time would be a good idea.

For more information please contact the Parish Office at 703-356-7916 Copies of the book will be available in "The Word" bookstore and at class.

ST. JOHN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2016/2017 CCD REGISTRATION

In May CCD Pre-registration forms were emailed to all current families. Thanks to all families that have already returned forms and checks. Please fill out the form with all requested contact and registration information and return it with your check to the CCD office at your earliest convenience. You will receive a rate reduction if you register before June 30, 2016. We will do our best to accommodate your wishes as to class session. Once the class is full however, we may have to put your child into a different session. You have greater choice when you register early. Registration forms are also available in the RE Office, the vestibule of the church and in the parish office. If you have any questions, or need information, email kmj@stjohncatholicmclean.org or call 703-356-5275.

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The St. John Religious Education Office is looking for enthusiastic, well-formed catechists and aides for the 2016/2017 School year. If you enjoy working with children and are excited about passing on the Faith, please call Laura Pennefather at 703-356-5275 or email her at <u>lpennefather@stjohncatholicmclean.org</u>. God bless you for your generous response.

St. John's Youth Ministry

NO SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

Sunday Youth Nights have concluded for the Year. Stay tuned for when we resume in September.

WORKCAMP!

Please keep the following in your prayers as they attend this year's Diocesan WorkCamp this Saturday, the 25th, through July 1st. Ed Hambleton, Kathleen Hambleton, James Hambleton, Caitlin Mea, Daniel Glover, Micah Hoernig, Aidan Graffam, Mateo Cube, Theresa Crnkovich, Regina Czerewko, Cecelia Haislmaier, Margaret Haislmaier, Anthony Gagliardo, Gabriel Gagliardo, Ellie Kreeb, Ben Davis, Grace Davis, Caroline Raymond, Kevin Corcoran, Bill Corcoran, Peter Hailsmaier, Seminarian Tony Bennett, Patty Maggio, Kelly Maggio, Gabriel Milano, Fr. Thompson, and the resident's we are blessed to serve! Thank you!

> Contact Information: Kevin Corcoran 703-356-7916 kcorcoran@stjohncatholicmclean.org

THE STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH



But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; Mt 5,44

Remember in Prayer

Carmel Broadfoot Salvatore Calabro John Paul Charles Carver Antonio Castro Virginia Connelly Sheila Corallo Lastenia Cortavarria Edward Cotter Elke D'Amico Richard DeCorps William Dunne Joe Elias Sandra Elias Marie Gillespie Francesca Greco Paul Griffith Gavle Grinstead Matthew Grinstead Edward M. Hallinan III Helen Hargenrader Arnold Harrington Emily Hazlett Agnes Henley Mark Johnson Andrew Katson

Paul Kemp Dorothy Kottler Sharon LeMaster Pat Mallov Sue Malone Carmella Manetti Patrick McDonough Marilyn McNemar Diana Meisel Bonnie Moran Veronica Nowakowski Anita Oliveira Briner Orillo Maureen O'Toole Mary Pistorino Reilly Patricia Richer Shelby Rogers **Stephanie Salinas** Connie Sevmour Merle Shannon Gloribeth Smith Carolyn Steinhoff Bill Sullivan Mary Warchot Marie Wysolmerski

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God bless and protect all our family members and parishioners who are serving in the military and civil service for our defense, especially...

Nicholas Galvan Harry Griffith Bill Jones Brendan Murphy Lynn Partik Michael Shipley Kimberley Templer Michael Templer Jesus Toledanes Justin White Amb. Donald Yamamoto